

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, June 21, 2010, 4:30pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, Pat Flannelly, John MacDonald and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was Council President Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting were Board member Richard Shockley, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen, and from the department, Dan Dunten.

Karen convened the Board at 4:32 pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 19, 2010 meeting. Pat motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Noted this is the start of the seventh week for softball league play. The men's league is scheduled to finish July 14, baring no more rain, and will start tournament play July 19. The coed league will finish July 22, and start tournament play July 26. Both leagues play a double-elimination tournament.
- The Mayor has raised \$17,325 for Global Fest. Included in that figure, is \$5,000 promised by the Department of Development. Karen has agreed to take on being Food Chair of Global Fest while Dot is on sabbatical with her husband. Karen will still be in charge of the Commercial Vendors. Linda Eales has agreed to help Karen. The 16th Annual Global Fest will be held on Saturday, September 4 from 10am until 9pm at Morton Community Center. Our next committee meeting is July 9.
- Pennie distributed a pool report comparing the first twenty-one days of operation to the last two years. The hot weather this year has really helped.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections were presented
- Finished preparing pool for the season
- Repaired drinking fountains at Lommel Park and University Farm Park
- Working on summer equipment
- Mowing and weed removal continues at all parks
- Small limb clean up at all parks due to the storms

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- Summer sports camps are underway. Each sport camp is one week long. Forty-eight girls participated in Coach Jane Schott's girls basketball camp. Seventy-four boys registered for Coach Dave Wood's basketball camp. Forty girls and boys registered for Coach Byran Clouse's soccer camp. Forty-seven girls are currently enrolled in Coach Chad Marshall's volleyball camp, which is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

The staff at the school has been very helpful with our summer sports camps. The High School had a water problem fixed, which caused us to delay the start of volleyball camp. The school officials were very helpful. Our office staff also worked to inform the participants of the change.

- The Tennis program is underway.
- The pool opened for the summer season on May 28. The hot weather is keeping the pool busy.
- Swim lessons began on June 7. Several of the swim lessons for sessions 1-3 are full.
- The Diving program began June 1.
- The two Playground programs have filled for both sessions.
- The staff has been working hard to handle the phones and walk-in registrations.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- Attended the Farmers Market on May 19 to promote our classes. One of the instructors with the KidzArt program was there as well. Paula Woods volunteered to help too. Joy McEwen, one of our dance instructors, brought her students and performed several times. There were a number of visitors and the weather was great.
- Reported we did not receive a Tier I Community Foundation grant for the kitchen remodel at Morton. There were a large number of competitive requests for the grant funds. The project has been scaled back and we are going to apply for a Tier II Community Foundation grant.
- The Coalition for Living Well after 50 plans to have a table at the upcoming Tippecanoe County Fair to promote their Just Walk event on Oct. 17. Will be staffing the booth the afternoon and evening of Sunday, July 18.

Old Business

Morton Activity Summary

Brenda discussed the report she compiled for the Board members, along with student evaluations and suggestions received on those evaluations.

Boathouse

Joe reported we have received the keys for our section of the boathouse. The contractor is in the process of completing the punch list. The boathouse tour is tentatively scheduled for July 19 @ 1:45pm, following the Park Board Luncheon/Park Foundation meeting.

New Business

Rain Garden at Lilly Nature Center

Joe passed around a drawing showing the current parking spaces along with seven additional spaces for demonstration parking. Milestone and IMI are donating services and materials for the project.

Ann noted Dan is offering another workshop on June 30.

Adopt-A-Spots

Joe noted we are always interested in adding people to our Adopt-A-Spot locations and encourages those interested to contact us. We have contracted Lawn & Shrub to take care of the islands on Sagamore Parkway this year using unappropriated funds to cover the costs. The Department of Development will help with the funding of the project in the future.

Joe reported the budget for 2011 is flat-lined again.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- Ross Sloat has been hired as the part-time Business Manager/Consultant. He will begin July 1.
- Sally Miller is retiring June 30 after four years as Happy Hollow Principal. Thirty-five applications were received for this position. A committee consisting of administrators, teachers, & parents have reviewed the applications and will be interviewing nine of the applicants. They will forward 2-3 applicants to the School Board for us to interview. We hope to appoint a new Happy Hollow Principal at our July 7 Board meeting.
- Board member David Grenat has resigned from the School Board due to a change in jobs. The Board will interview and appoint someone to serve the remaining two years of David's term. The application form is posted on the Corporation website and applications will be accepted through this Friday, June 25.
- The referendum Financial Advisory Committee is being formed. Interested people can find the application form on the Corporation website and need to apply by this Friday, June 25. The goal of this committee is to recommend a yearly referendum rate, beginning work this summer with the 2011 budget process.
- West Lafayette High School has made Newsweek's America's Best High School List. This list is the top 6% of all High Schools in the United States.
- The Annual Music Boosters Ice Cream Social/Summer Strings & Band Concert will be Tuesday, June 29 from 6-9pm at the High School Jr. High gym. Flyers are available to take with you.

Wabash River

Joe reported no meeting since the last Park Board meeting. The Urban Study has been completed with the Rural Study getting ready to begin.

Other

- Ann reminded everyone of the Garden Tour this coming Saturday, June 26, from 10:00am-3:00pm, in the New Chauncey Neighborhood.
- Ann also reported she spoke to Dave Henderson, Utility Director for Wastewater Treatment, regarding the City's recognition as a "Clean City". This award entitles us to a discount off the interest rate of our current outstanding loans.
- We are also accepting nominations for beautification nominees.
- Ann reported there will be an open house at 901 Vine St. tomorrow. The Open House for the Gunnison House begins at 1:30pm.

Pay Claims

Pat motioned for claims to be paid. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary